



IDAHO BIRDING TRAIL

Southeast Region

Pocatello • Idaho Falls

37 Palisades Reservoir

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ebird.org/hotspot/L3016911

LAT/LONG: 43.3665297,-111.2373018

43.2291951,-111.1117744

DIRECTIONS: *From Idaho Falls, US 26 E for 46.9 mi to the dam; at the dam, continue on US 26 to the WY border, where there are a number of pullouts. Or if you desire a backroad to the dam/reservoir: take US 26 for 34 mi to the Snake River Rd access, turn R onto Snake River Rd, cross river, and follow rd to reservoir.*

The reservoir itself attracts diving waterfowl and grebes in the early spring and hosts numerous pairs of nesting Osprey and a Bald Eagle pair throughout the summer. The conifers surrounding the reservoir can be great for Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruffed Grouse, and Yellow-rumped Warbler. If you take Snake River Road to the reservoir, be sure to stop at the waterfall to check for American Dippers. As you drive along Snake River Road during the early spring, keep your eyes open for Barrow's Goldeneye and Trumpeter Swan and listen closely for drumming Ruffed Grouse and singing Fox Sparrow. Peregrine Falcons can be seen on some of the numerous rock faces in the Swan Valley. During spring and fall migration, such a large body of water could harbor migrant scoters and loons.

